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TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 0704

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FROM: THE AMBASSADOR

E.O.: 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SA

SUBJ: KING FAISAL FUNERAL SERVICES

1. ROYAL PROTOCOL TELLS US THAT ARAB HEADS OF STATE ARE
ALREADY ARRIVING FOR FUNERAL SERVICES TOMORROW AFTERNOON
(MARCH 26). THE SAUDIS DID NOT WANT THEM AND DID NOT
INVITE THEM BUT ARE MAKING THE BEST OF IT NOW.

2. DEPUTY PROTOCOL CHIEF HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT NON-
MUSLIM DELEGATIONS WOULD BE WELCOME. ALL DELEGATIONS,
HOWEVER, MUST ARRIVE HERE BEFORE NOON TOMORROW (0900 GMT,
MARCH 26). I TOLD PROTOCOL OFFICER I WOULD PASS THIS
IMMEDIATELY TO WASHINGTON BUT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT
TO GET ANYONE HERE BY THAT TIME.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE NIACT IMMEDIATE WHETHER
WE WILL SEND A DELEGATE (OR DELEGATION). IF SO, PLEASE
SEND THEIR NAMES AND TITLES. SENATOR MCGOVERN IS NOW IN
JIDDA AND WE BELIEVE WOULD AGREE TO REQUEST FROM WASHINGTON
THAT HE BE SPECIALLY DEPUTIZED TO REPRESENT USG AT KING
FAISAL'S FUNERAL. MCGOVERN SCHEDULED TO DEPART MARCH 26,
0830 (0530 GMT) FOR BEIRUT.

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